

# PSAT/NMSQT

## PRELIMINARY SAT/NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFYING TEST



### Important PSAT Dates/Times:

- **PSAT study sessions** (combined with ACT study sessions) will be held after school on Tuesdays beginning on 9/6 from 4:15-5:30 in Room 306.
- **10/18: PSAT Pre-Administration** in the Auditorium during an extended Power30. All students taking the PSAT must attend.
- **10/19: The PSAT/NMSQT Exam** will be administered from 8:25-12:00 (\*\*Note, this is an early release day, and the exam will be given during 1st, 2nd, and 4th blocks).

Sophomores and Juniors at Fulton are recommended for the PSAT exam by teachers and counselors who utilize past test scores, scholastic aptitude, and the students' predicted college path. By electing to take the PSAT, students can:

- ▶ Receive feedback on individual strengths/weaknesses on skills necessary for college study
- ▶ Enter the competition for National Merit and other notable scholarships (11th grade only)
- ▶ Help prepare for the ACT, SAT, or other nationally standardized exams
- ▶ Receive information from colleges when students check "Yes" to the Student Search Service on the exam form.

There is no risk attached to taking the PSAT since scores WILL NOT be reported to colleges unless students elect this option.

### My College Quickstart

You will have access to a free personalized college and career planning kit. Using the information and answers you provide on your PSAT exam, students can get personalized information in four main areas:

1. **My Online Score Report**
2. **My SAT Study Plan**
3. **My College Matches**
4. **My Major and Career Matches**

You can access this valuable tool by using the access code on your score report.

Visit: [www.collegeboard.com/quickstart](http://www.collegeboard.com/quickstart)

### How to prepare for the PSAT/NMSQT Exam:

- ❑ Study on your own with the materials given to you at the initial PSAT sign-up meeting
- ❑ Visit <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10> for practice questions and other PSAT test prep
- ❑ Ask Mrs. Brinks in the library to check out "Barron's PSAT/NMSQT" practice test booklet with 4 full-length model tests and answers
- ❑ Access the Learning Express Library PSAT Practice tests on the Fulton Homepage (instructions on back of this sheet)
- ❑ Attend PSAT study sessions on Tuesdays, 4:15-5:30 in room 306

With questions, see your school counselor or college access coach, or e-mail the Fulton Testing and AP Coordinator, Sarah Gilpin at [sarah.gilpin@knoxschools.org](mailto:sarah.gilpin@knoxschools.org).